

# J.A. Skinner State Park

Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation

# **JUNE 2022 PROGRAMS**



All programs are free and open to the public. Meet at the Summit House unless otherwise noted. The Summit House is located atop Mount Holyoke off Skinner State Park Road. A parking fee may apply. All children must be accompanied by an adult. Reasonable accommodations available upon request. Please follow all current COVID guidelines; visit <a href="Mass.gov/COVID">Mass.gov/COVID</a> for more guidance. For more information call the park at **(413) 586-0350**.

## Open Weekends & Holidays

### HISTORIC SUMMIT HOUSE, 9:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m.

The Summit House was an 1800s hotel. Travelers once came here to relax and enjoy the view. You can do the same today! Features: Exhibits, park information, restrooms and drinking water. Picnicking available on the grounds outside. Open late-May through mid-October.

# Saturdays & Sundays

## SUMMIT HOUSE TOUR, 11:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m.

Join a park interpreter-guided one-hour tour to enliven your summit House visit. Hear the story and vision of John and Fanny French. In the 1800s they offered a novel mountain-top vacation here at the Prospect House. Discover how it changed, and later became a state park. 1-hour tour. **Meet inside the Summit House.** Best for ages 12 and up.

#### Sundays

# THE MAKING OF A MASTERPIECE, 10:00-10:30 a.m.

Discover the story of Hudson River School artist Thomas Cole and his famous painting, *The Oxbow*. Compare the same iconic view then and now. **Meet inside the Summit House**. Best for ages 15 and up.

#### Saturdays

#### MOUNTAIN BIRDING, 10:00—10:30 a.m.

Open a door to a whole new world. Did you know Skinner State Park is listed as a hotspot for birds? Hear, see and enjoy birds on this beginner program! **Meet outside on the Summit House deck.** Best for ages 10 and up.

#### Mondays

#### OUR OWN JURASSIC PARK, 10:00-10:30 a.m.

Explore the geologic story of the Mount Holyoke Range, formed and shaped by fire and ice! Experience a dinosaur footprint, or two. **Meet inside the Summit House**. For all ages.

